

FAYETTE COUNTY COMMISSION

August 29, 2014

COURTHOUSE

FAYETTEVILLE, WV 25840

MEMBERS Present: Denise A. Scalph, Matthew Wender, John H. Lopez

The Fayette County Commission met in a regular meeting on this 29th day of August 2014.

President Scalph called the meeting to order at 9:10 a. m.

Eddie Young, Assessor appeared before the Commission to present exonerations for personal property. Commissioner Lopez offered a motion to approve exonerations and Commissioner Wender seconded. Unanimous decision.

Mr. Young presented exonerations for real property. Commissioner Wender offered a motion to approve exonerations and Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Mr. Young then presented a refund. Commissioner Lopez motioned to approve refund. Commissioner Wender seconded. Unanimous decision.

Mr. Young presented a coal valuation on a piece of property with two individual owners to discuss. Stated that the Commission will need to decide whether to issue a refund or exoneration. Commission approves. Commissioner Wender motioned to offer one refund and one exoneration. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Commissioner Lopez offered a motion to approve vouchers and invoices. Checks for invoices to be released today and approved second half of payroll checks to be released today. Commissioner Wender seconded. Unanimous decision.

President Scalph motioned to approve minutes from June 27, 2014, and July 11, 2014. Commissioner Wender seconded. Unanimous decision.

Debbie Berry, County Administrator, presented election workers with the order to sign. Commissioner Wender motioned to approve the election workers for the General Election. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented a Governor's Community Participation Grant application for President Scalph to sign. Commissioner Wender motioned to approve the resolution for Page Kincaid PSD to purchase a generator. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented a drawdown for the County Records Management and Preservation Grant. Commissioner Lopez motioned to approve the drawdown. Commissioner Wender seconded. Unanimous decision.

Commissioner Wender motioned to approve a sign stating that the lot between Water Stone and Blankenship Law Office will be courthouse parking only and will issue window hangers for employees who are going to park there and all others will be towed. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision. Ms. Berry will give courtesy calls to the surrounding property owners.

Ms. Berry presented a drawdown for a West Virginia Division of Energy Efficiency Grant Program drawdown for John David in the amount of \$2,240.00 for the month of July, 2014 for President Scalph's signature. Commissioner Lopez motioned to approve the drawdown. Commissioner Wender seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented a Certificate of Substantial Completion for President Scalph to sign for Phase III of the Electrical Upgrade and a final drawdown and a letter of completion for signature. Commissioner Wender motioned to authorize President Scalph to sign the Certificate

and approved the final drawdown and sign the letter of completion. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

The 9:30 appointment with Donna Hudson to remove the executor for an estate was handled outside of the meeting by Carl Harris, Prosecuting Attorney.

Steve Kessler, Sheriff and Stormy Parsons, Community Corrections, appeared to discuss the Community Corrections budget. Ms. Parson presented the budget. Commissioner Wender suggested a letter be written to the state asking about the criteria for Community Corrections funding. Ms. Berry will draft a letter to the chair. Commissioner Wender requested bullet points of our successes to be attached.

Discussion was then held on the grant budget. Commissioner Wender requested that Stephanie Sears, Staff Accountant, research what the County Commission contributions were for FY 2013 and 2014. Budget is attached.

Angela Gerald, Dilapidated Buildings, presented property owned by Danny Renick to be discussed. Commissioner Wender motioned to authorize the County Commission to write a letter to ask why the property has not been removed. Commissioner Lopez seconded Unanimous decision.

Louis Tabit appeared to request funding for the Montgomery Wayside Park. He requested \$5,000. Kanawha County Commission said they would consider after Fayette County Commission responded. President Scalph suggests Mr. Tabit present a budget of the plan for the park and submit it in March 2015 during budget session. Commissioners Wender

and Lopez agree with President Scalp that this is a budget session request. Commissioner Lopez suggested that Mr. Tabit approached the legislators.

Discussion was held concerning the New River Transit Authority Assessment. John Tuggle, Region IV Planning & Development, appeared to discuss the budget for the NRTA. He presented a budget to the Commission. Handout attached. The amount for Fayette County would be \$52,000.00. This would be split between Town of Fayetteville, City of Mount Hope, City of Oak Hill and the Fayette County Commission.

The Fayette County Commission would be responsible for \$19,000.00 and \$9,500.00 would be from this fiscal year. If Mount Hope contributes their portion of \$4,000.00 they can still have their bus route to Beckley.

Commissioner Wender motioned for the Fayette County Commission to participate as a party to the NRTA with an allocation for a full year of \$19,000.00 and a revision to the budget of \$9,500.00 for the current fiscal year. A letter will be written to the Department of Transportation. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous Decision.

The Meadow Bridge Sanitary Board appeared to discuss an issue. The Governor's office is going to contribute \$10,000 that was supposed to be issued last summer. The money will be used to help complete their waste water project. Meadow Bridge has requested \$10,000 from the Fayette County Commission. Commissioner Wender motioned that the Fayette County Commission pledge \$10,000 to the Town of Meadow Bridge contingent upon the Governor's office contribution of \$10,000 and a

request to the legislation is made. However, should it happen that the current pump goes out, the \$10,000 from the Commission will serve to replace the pump. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision. Rebecca Dean appears with a request for Mountains of Hope. She requested \$8,000 for the former Mt. Hope High School. Ms. Dean laid out a plan for the school. The gym will be available for rent. There will also be a museum and a senior center. The idea is to establish an entity to bring in collaboration for leadership, health and education.

The Commission suggested buying the materials and sending Melvin Withrow from maintenance to work with the Day Report Center clients to complete this job. Melvin Withrow is to meet with Rebecca Dean and give an estimate to Ms. Berry for materials. They will also look at the Building's doors.

Dan Snead appeared to discuss the courthouse roof. President Scalph gave a history of the bidding process. It will be completed in the three phases.

Tim Dorsch with Tri-State Roofing appeared to discuss each phase. Mr. Dorsch presented a handout to the Commission. Work will begin around the bell tower which will encompass a large area to be completed. Reduced scope of the work is \$170,000.

Commissioner Wender motions to enter into contract with Tri-State for \$209,943. The Commission has an exit option if funding the courthouse Facilities Improvement Authority is not approved for the following year. Commissioner Lopez seconds. Unanimous decision.

Kelly Jo Drey, Resource Coordinator, appeared to discuss some items on her docket. Ms. Drey handed out a budget of work to be

completed on the Fayette County Pool. Land & Water Conservation Grant is a 50/50 grant with no minimum amount and the maximum of \$100,000. Matching money can come from anywhere as long as it is not Federal funds.

President Scalph stated that the fiberglass lining for the pool is a priority. Discussion is held on the issue of the commercial feed of chemicals. There is a law requiring this system. Commissioner Wender suggested application for the fiberglass lining and the chemical feed system of \$125,000. The Commission would be responsible for one half of this amount.

Ms. Drey will apply for another grant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to obtain a lift.

Ms. Berry presents gas reports to be signed. Commissioner Lopez motioned to authorize President Scalph to sign the West Virginia Motor Fuel Refund. Commissioner Wender seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry Presented a request to use the Fayette County Memorial Building for the IWPG World Championship. Commissioner Wender motioned to approve. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented a request to use the Fayette County Memorial Building for the Bridge Day Rappel Safety Organization. Commissioner Lopez motioned to approve request. Commissioner Wender seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented a request from Arbuckle PSD to appoint Davis Bassage to replace Mr. Earl Woodson whom passed away. Commissioner Lopez motioned to accept the appointment. Commissioner Wender seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented a request to add a travel budget for the Resource Coordinator. Commissioner Wender motioned to approve \$3,000 for the Resource Coordinator travel. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision. Ms. Berry presented a resolution to sign for Childhood Cancer Awareness month. Commissioner Wender motioned to sign. Commissioner Lopez seconded. Unanimous decision.

Discussion was held on the West Virginia Development Loan for the Fayette County Urban Renewal Authority. Commissioner Lopez motioned to approve paying off the loan. Commissioner Wender seconded. Unanimous decision.

Ms. Berry presented a corrected copy of the resolution or the Fayette County Solid Waste Authority to appoint Gabe Pena. Commissioner Lopez motioned to approve. Commissioner Wender seconded. Unanimous decision.

Discussion was also held to appoint Neal Sears to the Planning Commission to replace Shad Dummitt. The Commission will also send a letter of thanks to Miles Dean whom also resigned from the Planning Commission.

Discussion was held on 911 Coordinator/IT Specialist position. The discussion was subsequently tabled.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.